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FROM COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.

F CUMBERLAND Decr. 21st. 1755

SIR,

I suppose Majr. Lewis informed You that the Valley at the mouth of Pattersons Creek did not extend above 800 yards from hill to hill. I went up to Ashby's and Saw Mr. Boyd pay the men—He sold us some Liquor for our Detachmt as the weather was Cold, and we found that three months pay was due to some of his Men whilst otherwise paid off to the 4th. inst.

I really do not like the mouth of the Creek for our purpose,¹ nor any place in that neighbourhood on the Virginia Side.—I imagine you have receivd no Answer from Genl. Shirley, because the last advice from him informd he was w Johnson at Lake George.—Capt Peachy is dangerously ill, and Several of the Men are in a Bad Way.—We lose more Trips and fees for want of Kettles than would pay for them twice over. I am wt Respect

Sir your most Obt. hubl Servt ADAM STEPHEN.

¹ The erection of a fort.